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FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
POSED REFTEL AND FOLLOWS SAME SUB-PARAGRAPH ENUMERATION.

A) USSR CEASED JAMMING VOA IN SEPTEMBER 1973. ONLY PRE-
VIOUS PERIOD OF NON-JAMMING SINCE WORLD WAR II WAS 1963-68.
POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA STOPPED JAM-
MING VOA IN 1963. OF THESE COUNTRIES, ONLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA
RESUMED JAMMING, BUT ONLY FOR A FEW MONTHS DURING 1968.
BULGARIA JAMMED VOA THROUGHOUT POSTWAR PERIOD, UNTIL IT
CEASED DOING SO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1974. USSR STILL JAMS
RADIO LIBERTY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA
STILL JAM RFE.

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B) US AND USSR HAVE BEEN EXCHANGING ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINES IN EACH OTHER'S LANGUAGE UNDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT SINCE 1956. PRESENT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION OF UP TO 62,000 COPIES OF EACH MAGAZINE. BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ARE EXCHANGED BETWEEN PRINCIPAL LIBRARIES, UNIVERSITIES AND PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC BODIES IN US AND USSR. SOVIET BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ARE AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY FOR PUBLIC SALE IN US, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE MAJOR DISTRIBUTION IN WASHINGTON HAS 75,000 BOOK TITLES IN STOCK AND SELLS ABOUT 100,000 COPIES OF APPROXIMATELY 35,000 TITLES ANNUALLY. THIS DISTRIBUTOR ALSO FILLS ABOUT 12,000 NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, IN MORE THAN 1,000 TITLES, ANNUALLY. LIMITED QUANTITIES OF CAREFULLY SELECTED US PUBLICATIONS ARE SOLD IN USSR. ONLY ONE NON-COMMUNIST US NEWSPAPER (PARIS HERALD-TRIBUNE IS SOLD IN USSR (WITH SALES LIMITED TO SEVERAL DOZEN COPIES AVAILABLE TO FOREIGNERS AT INTOURIST FACILITIES).

IN EASTERN EUROPE, WESTERN NEWS PUBLICATIONS ARE SOLD AT MAJOR HOTELS IN SOME COUNTRIES BUT RESTRICTED TO FOREIGN GUESTS IN OTHERS. OTHER WESTERN PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PROFESSORS, AND OTHER CIRCLES IN SOMEWHAT LIMITED NUMBERS IN SOME COUNTRIES, BUT NOT USUALLY OBTAINABLE BY GENERAL PUBLIC. IN ROMANIA, US PUBLICATIONS CAN BE CONSULTED AT USIA-RUN AMERICAN LIBRARY OPENED IN BUCHAREST IN 1971. AN AMERICAN ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE IS DISTRIBUTED IN POLAND (ABOUT 30,000 COPIES) UNDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

EAST EUROPEAN PUBLICATIONS CAN BE PURCHASED IN US AT NEWSTANDS AND BOOKSTORES WHICH CARRY FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES SELL PUBLICATIONS ON VARIOUS CULTURAL OR GENERAL TOPICS OR DISTRIBUTE THEM FREE OF CHARGE.

C) US JOURNALISTS ACCREDITED IN USSR NOW NUMBER 26, WHILE 28 SOVIET JOURNALISTS ARE ACCREDITED IN US. NO FORMAL REQUIREMENT FOR RECIPROCITY EXISTS. NO US JOURNALISTS ARE RESIDENT IN EASTEUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT THEY MAKE PERIODIC VISITS, USUALLY FROM OFFICES IN WESTERN EUROPE. EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE FROM ONE TO FOUR RESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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JOURNALISTS IN US.

NUMBER OF US SCHOLARS WHO VISIT USSR ANNUALLY VARIES FROM 200 TO 300, INCLUDING GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, LECTURERS, SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS, LANGUAGE TEACHERS, AND SCIENTISTS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH PROJECTS. ABOUT SAME NUMBER OF SOVIET SCHOLARS WORK IN US EACH YEAR, IN SIMILAR CATEGORIES, BUT WITH A GREATER EMPHASIS ON

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF ACADEMIC VISITORS FROM EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ANNUALLY IN RECENT YEARS ARE IN FOLLOWING RANGE: BULGARIA 20-30, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 70-100, HUNGARY 100-200, POLAND 300-500, AND ROMANIA 150-250. HIGHER NUMBERS ARE IN MORE RECENT YEARS, REFLECTING GENERAL GROWTH IN EXCHANGES. AS AMERICANS TRAVELING TO EAST EUROPE

ARE NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY US GOVERNMENT OF THEIR PLANS, THERE IS NO SOURCE OF COMPLETE DATA ON NUMBER OF AMERICAN EXCHANGE VISITORS THERE. HOWEVER, USG AND PRIVATE ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ARE ESTABLISHED ON RECIPROCAL BASIS, ENSURING RELATIVE PARITY IN NUMBERS OF SUCH VISITORS IN EACH DIRECTION.

D) ANNUAL EMIGRATION TO US IN PAST FIVE YEARS WAS: USSR 700-1000, BULGARIA 300-600, CZECHOSLOVAKIA 4000-4500 (1969-1970) AND 1500-2000 (1971-1973), HUNGARY 1500-1800, POLAND 3000-4400, AND ROMANIA 1300-1800.

E) AMERICAN FAMILIES WHICH WOULD BE AFFECTED BY POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS ON REUNITING OF FAMILIES VARIES FROM 20 OR SO IN SOME COUNTRIES TO SEVERAL HUNDRED IN OTHERS. DEGREE OF ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND PACE OF RESOLUTION OF THESE CASES ALSO VARY.

F) US HAS CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH USSR (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON CONTACTS, EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER FIELDS, SIGNED IN 1973 AND VALID UNTIL END OF 1979. IT REPLACES PRIOR TWO-YEAR AGREEMENTS DATING FROM 1958. WITH EXCEPTION OF ROMANIA, US EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH EAST

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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE CONDUCTED WITHOUT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS. IN CASE OF ROMANIA, AGREED PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1960 AND WAS RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS UNTIL 1972 THROUGH EXCHANGED OF NOTES. IN DECEMBER 1972 US AND ROMANIA CONCLUDED TWO-YEAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT COVERING PERIOD 1973-1974. INGERSOLL

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